

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 – 14 and 16 - 17 are currently pending in this application.

Response to Rejection under 35 USC 103

Claims 1 – 4, 8 – 10, 14 and 15 were rejected as unpatentable over Lanz in view of Caron et al. Lanz fails to disclose a display support structure having downwardly extending legs with a top on the display support structure where the top has side panels and a bottom having a water tight connection. Lanz also fails to disclose a reservoir having a plurality of perforations. Lanz also does not disclose the limitation of the height of the reservoir being sufficient to prevent the immersion of the mat in water. Caron also fails to disclose these features. There is no motivation to modify Lanz by adding these claimed limitations.

As the Federal Circuit has clearly and definitively stated, 35 USC 103 requires *one or more references that were available to the inventor and that teach a suggestion to combine or modify the references, the combination or modification of which would appear to be sufficient to have made the claimed invention obvious to one or ordinary skill in the art*. In this instance, there is no such motivations to modify Lanz as suggested.

Solomon was cited against claims 5, 11 and 17 as disclosing a woven barrier fabric capillary mat, Filippi against claims 6, 12 and 16 as disclosing a perforated water supply and Marrison against claims 7 and 13 as disclosing a stand pipe for allowing the top to drain. However, Solomon, Filippi and Marrison fail to disclose the claimed limitations of the display support structure and of the reservoir.

The Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1, 3 – 14 and 16 - 17 be allowed in view of the above remarks. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if further discussions would advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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